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SUBJ: NARCOTICS PROBLEM ON OKINAWA

SUMMARY: NOW ONE OF THE MAIN LEFTIST CHARGES AGAINST THE AMERICAN MILITARY PRESENCE IS THAT OUR SERVICEMEN ARE CORRUPTING OKINAWANS WITH NARCOTICS. THE LOCAL JOINT AMERICAN-JAPANESE EFFORT AGAINST

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NARCOTIC USERS AND DEALERS IS GOING WELL, BUT CONTINUED OR FURTHER INPUT FROM DEA AND DOD IS NECESSARY. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING MY FIRST MONTH OF DUTY ON OKINAWA I HAVE BEEN STRUCK BY THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE LOCAL LEFTIST ELEMENTS ARE USING THE NARCOTICS ISSUE AS A CLUB TO SWAT US WITH. THE TWO MAJOR OKINAWAN NEWSPAPERS, THE RYUKYU SHIMPO AND THE OKINAWA TIMES, CARRY A STEADY STREAM OF ARTICLES ON NARCOTICS CASES INVOLVING AMERICANS, FORTUNATELY MANY OF THEM ALSO RECORDING ARRESTS. THE ARTICLES THEM-
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SELVES, HOWEVER, ARE OFTEN SLANTED, AND THE NEWSPAPERS REGULARLY

FEATURE EDITORIALS EMPHASIZING THE "NARCOTICS CORRUPTION" SPREAD TO OKINAWANS FROM OUR BASES. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH LOCAL POLITICAL LEADERS NARCOTICS IS REGULARLY RAISED AS A SOURCE OF CONCERN, BY CONSERVATIVES AS WELL AS LEFTISTS. WE JUDGE NOW THAT THE NARCOTICS PROBLEM, ALONG WITH ORDINARY CRIME BY SERVICEMEN, IN THE MIND OF ORDINARY OKINAWANS IS MOST ADVERSE ASPECT OF OUR MILITARY PRESENCE IN OKINAWA.

2. ON THE OTHER HAND, I HAVE BEEN EQUALLY IMPRESSED WITH THE DETERMINATION BEING SHOWN BY BOTH AMERICANS AND JAPANESE TO TACKLE THIS PROBLEM, AND THE IMPRESSIVELY CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES. IN MY INTRODUCTORY CALLS ON THE POLICE

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AND PUBLIC HEALTH MINISTRY NARCOTICS SPECIALISTS, THEY HAVE EMPHASIZED WITH OBVIOUS SINCERITY THEIR SATISFACTION WITH THE WHOLEHEARTED ASSISTANCE GIVEN BY THE AMERICAN SIDE. THIS WAS EXEMPLIFIED BY THE SERIES OF AWARDS GIVEN ON JULY 13 BY THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO MR. CHARLES CASEY OF THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION AND TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VARIOUS MILITARY INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES. WITH THE PRESENT STRONG COMMAND EMPHASIS, CONCERNED AMERICAN MILITARY AND CIVILIAN AGENCIES ARE PUTTING HEAVY EFFORT INTO THIS PROBLEM. IT IS OF COURSE PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT HERE BECAUSE OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF AMERICAN MILITARY FLIGHTS TO SOUTHEAST ASIA, THE VISIT OF ASSORTED FREIGHTERS RETURNING FROM PORTS TO THE SOUTH, AND THE PRESENCE ON THE ISLAND OF VERY LARGE NUMBERS OF YOUNG AMERICAN SERVICEMEN, ALONG WITH A FLOATING POPULATION OF EX-SERVICEMEN CIVILIANS ENGAGED IN MARGINAL WAYS OF EARNING A LIVING.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: THERE ARE TWO POINTS ON THIS PROBLEM THAT I WANT TO RAISE FOR THE CONCERNED AGENCIES:

(A) THE FIRST IS THAT FOR THE INDEFINITE FUTURE THERE SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE ASSIGNED HERE AN AMERICAN AGENT OF THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION. HE HAS FULFILLED AN INVALUABLE

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FUNCTION IN COORDINATING ACTIVITIES ON THE AMERICAN SIDE BETWEEN
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THE MILITARY AGENCIES AND THE JAPANESE OFFICES. THE PROBLEM IS SERIOUS ENOUGH FOR AMERICAN NATIONAL INTEREST ON OKINAWA THAT IT IS WELL WORTHWHILE TO MAINTAIN A DEA AGENT HERE FULL-TIME UNTIL THE PROBLEM CAN BE CONSIDERED LARGELY SOLVED. I UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS THE PRESENT INTENTION OF DEA TO LEAVE MR. CASEY HERE DESPITE EARLIER INDICATIONS OF HIS TRANSFER. I URGE THAT AT BOTH WASHINGTON AND TOKYO LEVEL THIS DECISION NOT BE CHANGED.
(B) THE SECOND POINT IS THAT FURTHER EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE

MORE COMPLETELY TO INTEGRATE THE EFFORT OF THE VARIOUS MILITARY AGENCIES HANDLING THE NARCOTICS PROBLEM. THEIR COOPERATION SO FAR HAS BEEN CREDITABLE, BUT THE EFFORT WOULD BE MORE EFFECTIVE IF A LOCAL NARCOTIC ENFORCEMENT GROUP UNDER MILITARY LEADERSHIP WAS ESTABLISHED, AND DOD INSTRUCTED EACH MILITARY INVESTIGATIVE AGENCY TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THIS, ASSIGNING UNDER ORDERS FROM WASHINGTON TWO AGENTS EACH FULL-TIME. THE OFFICE SPACE, AS WELL AS THE TASK TO BE DONE, IS READY FOR THEM. AS NOTED, THERE IS AMPLE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AND OF COMMAND INTEREST IN MEETING THE NARCOTICS PROBLEM, BUT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FORMAL INTER-SERVICE ENFORCEMENT GROUP WITH A

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SPECIALIZED CONCENTRATION OF PERSONNEL WOULD REDUCE WASTED EFFORT AND PRODUCE GREATER RESULTS, WHICH WOULD BE VERY MUCH TO THE BENEFIT OF OUR DEFENSE INTERESTS ON OKINAWA.

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